

# NAREISSA L. SMITH

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## WRITER WITH MORE THAN 10 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AND TOPICAL SPECIALIZATION IN THE LAW, RACE, AND GENDER

PUBLISHED NUMEROUS ARTICLES IN VARIOUS REGIONAL, NATIONAL AND GLOBAL PRINT AND DIGITAL MEDIA OUTLETS

CREATED CONTENT ACROSS DIVERSE GENRES, INCLUDING CONSUMER ARTICLES, OP-EDS, ACADEMIC ARTICLES, AND BLOGS

DEVELOPED LEGAL SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTISE FOUNDED ON A JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE (MAGNA CUM LAUDE) AND 12 YEARS AS A LAW PROFESSOR

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## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

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- Conceptualize, develop, and write content targeted to the full audience spectrum, from consumer to professional/academic
- Publish articles across multiple platforms, including print, websites, social media, and blogs
- Perform developmental, line, and copy editing to ensure compelling content presentation
- Created content across varying forms, including articles, op-eds, blogs, presentations, and academic journal entries
- Developed subject matter expertise in the law (specifically constitutional law), race, gender, and identity, and authored dozens of articles that trenchantly probed systemic racism, issues impacting women of color, gender and violence, media portrayals of minorities, reproductive justice, and other social justice issues
- Served as a professor of law for 12 years at three institutions, instructing eight courses to thousands of students
- Clerked for two different judges, including the Chief Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals
- Developed a passion for educating people about the law, with an ability to make complex issues accessible to lay audiences
- Possess technical savvy, including experience with content management systems, SEO, Microsoft Office, G-Suite, and social media
- Exposed to a wide array of style manuals, including Blue Book, AP, Chicago, and APA

## SELECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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- Published numerous consumer and academic articles, blogs, and op-eds
- Co-founded two blogs: The Constitutional Law Prof Blog and The Race and the Law Prof Blog
- Prolifically produced content for The Race and the Law Prof Blog that helped it land on the ABA's "Top 100 Blawg" list for two consecutive years
- Presented and served as an invited panelist at numerous regional and national legal conferences
- Produced engaging content that consistently gets passed along social media threads and has stimulated up to 5,000 shares
- Wrote a cluster of penetrating articles on the Trump campaign, the Supreme Court nomination process, policing in the US, and how all three create a vortex focused on race (read more [here](#))

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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**Freelance Writer** | 2017—Present

**North Carolina Central University School of Law** (Durham, NC) | *Assistant Professor of Law* | 2011—2016

**Florida Coastal School of Law** (Jacksonville, FL) | *Assistant Professor of Law* | 2006—2011

**Howard University School of Law** (Washington, DC) | *Legal Writing Instructor* | 2004—2006

**George Mason University** (Fairfax, VA) | *Adjunct Professor, Undergraduate* | 2004

**District of Columbia Court of Appeals** (Washington, DC) | *Judicial Clerk, Hon. Annice M. Wagner, Chief Judge* | 2002—2004

**United States District Court for the District of Delaware** (Wilmington, DE) | *Judicial Clerk, Hon. Gregory M. Sleet* | 2001—2002

## EDUCATION

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**Howard University School of Law** (Washington, DC) | *Juris Doctor (Magna Cum Laude)* | Howard Law Journal | 2001

**Spelman College** (Atlanta, GA) | *Bachelor of Arts (Summa Cum Laude) in Political Science* | Phi Beta Kappa | 1998

## AFFILIATIONS

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**National Association of Black Journalists** | **National Writers Union** | **Journalism and Women Symposium** | **New York State Bar** (admitted 2002) | **District of Columbia Bar** (admitted 2004)